

mcp newsletter

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TO: FEE-FOR-SERVICE FAMILY PHYSICIANS

RE: HOLIDAY DATES FOR FEE CODES 139 – 2020

Fee Code 139 was introduced to recognize Family Physicians who open their offices for regularly scheduled clinics on weekday evenings, weekends, and Statutory Holidays and thus relieve demands placed on hospital emergency departments. When a Family Physician holds a clinic on a day when a Statutory Holiday is observed and that date differs from the legal date, fee code 139 can be claimed in addition to the applicable office fee codes on the observed date.

The table below lists the dates which are considered Statutory Holidays for the purpose of claiming fee code 139.

Statutory or Civic Holidays	Day of Week	Observed Date
New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1
St. Patrick's Day	Monday	March 16
Good Friday	Friday	April 10
St. George's Day	Monday	April 20
Victoria Day	Monday	May 18
Discovery Day	Monday	June 22
Memorial Day	Wednesday	July 1
Orangeman's Day	Monday	July 13
Grand Falls-Windsor Day (GFW location only)*	Monday	July 20*
Royal St. John's Regatta Day (St. John's location only)*	Wednesday	August 5*
Labour Day	Monday	September 7
Thanksgiving Day	Monday	October 12
Remembrance Day	Wednesday	November 11
Christmas Day	Friday	December 25
Boxing Day	Monday	December 28

***Or the day on which the Civic Holiday is actually held**

The following rules apply with respect to claiming fee code 139:

- Fee code 139 can be billed by Family Physicians who see patients in regular scheduled clinics between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on weekdays, weekends or **OBSERVED** Statutory Holidays.
- Family Physicians who practice outside St. John's & Grand Falls-Windsor may only bill fee code 139 for patients seen in regular scheduled clinics between the hours of 6 pm and midnight on July 20/20 and August 5/20.
- It can only be billed in addition to Family Medicine fee codes 101, 111, 112, 114, 118, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 131, 132, 136.
- Fee code 139 is **NOT PAYABLE** when special visit codes 50, 52 or 53 are claimed.
- To document this code for services rendered, the start time for the patient encounter must be entered on the record of service. For weekends and Statutory Holidays, the date of service is sufficient.

Queries concerning claims submission should be directed to Ms. Beverley Pelley, Claims Processing Manager. Ms. Pelley can be contacted by telephone at (709) 292-4013, toll free at 1-800-440-4405 or by email at BeverleyPelley@gov.nl.ca